

contribute to assist the small number of his Majesty's Regular Forces, in going thro' the Service of the Campaign; And if the Enemy cannot be attacked in their Retreats, which I would by all means attempt, I may at least be enabled to preserve those posts, which have cost us so much blood & Treasure, from falling into the hands of the Savages; I am therefore to request of you, to send Directions, to the Officer Commanding the Militia of your province to obey the Orders, they shall [receive] from Col<sup>o</sup> Bouquet, in respect of the Stations, that shall occupy with their Militia, within the limits of the Colony of Maryland. And that such of them, as upon an Emergency, wou'd go Volunteers with the Kings Troops, to escort provisions &c. may have permission so to do, and not be struck off their pay, as Militia Men whilst on such Service. I flatter myself I shall meet with the like assistance from the Militia of Virginia, having wrote to L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Fauquier on the same Subject.

I am to thank you for your polite Answer, to my Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> last which I received some time since, and am with great regard

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Gage

Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe.

Letter Bk.III

[Sharpe to Gage.]

Copy of a Letter to General Gage. Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> April  
1764.

Sir

I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst together with one from Colonel Bouquet of the 10<sup>th</sup> & to inform Your Excellency that agreeable to your Desire I shall correspond with the Colonel & give him any Assistance in my power during the time he may continue in the Command to which you have been pleased to appoint him. I have by this Opportunity wrote to inform Colonel Bouquet what Instructions have been already given to the Officer that commands the Militia of our Frontier County with respect to his ordering out Parties for the protection of the Inhabitants & what farther Instructions I shall send him in pursuance of Your Excellency's & the Colonels Letters nevertheless I cannot give him much room to expect that any considerable Number of our Militia will be prevailed on to march so far as Pittsburg or to any Post on the Communication. I sincerely wish all Your Excellency's undertakings may be attended with success & am with great Regard &c.